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### **Partnership for a Healthier North Dakota Announces Health Survey**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Partnership for a Healthier North Dakota will conduct a survey to gather information about the views of North Dakotans concerning health-care issues. The survey begins today, Tuesday, June 17, 2008, and will run about four weeks.

The Partnership is a group of leaders from the private and public sectors focused on exploring innovative approaches to improving the health of North Dakotans. The group will use the information gathered by the survey to guide future efforts in addressing health-care issues in North Dakota.

The survey is composed of two parts – a telephone survey and a follow-up written questionnaire. Survey topics include worksite wellness programs, sources of health information, distance to the nearest hospital, and health-care utilization.

“Health issues affect all of us,” said Healthy North Dakota Director Melissa Olson. “The information from this survey will provide an important dimension of the health system – the view of consumers. We will use the information to help us look for creative ways to meet the state’s health-care challenges, such as accessibility, physician recruitment and healthy lifestyles.”

The Partnership for a Healthier North Dakota includes representatives from many organizations, including Healthy North Dakota, the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce, the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Healthcare Association, the North Dakota Long Term Care Association, the North Dakota Medical Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, and the Office of the Governor.

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